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REQUIREMENTS FOR SAHEL

ROME FOR SKILES, ABIDJAN FOR REDSO, PARIS FOR HELLMAN,
LONDON FOR SANDBERG, GENEVA FOR G. KLEIN

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REF: ADAMS/BOERMA LETTER DATED JANUARY 24, 1975

1. FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL, DR. BOERMA, OFFICIALLY FORWARDED COPIES OF MULTI-DONOR MISSION REPORT TO AID EARLY IN JANUARY 1975.

2. IN THANKING FAO FOR COPIES OF THE REPORT, DR. ADAMS CHOSE TO HIGHLIGHT SAHEL NEEDS AND FAO/OSRO/AID COLLABORATION IN THIS FASHION:

HAVE REVIEWED REPORT AND NOTED MISSION'S ESTIMATES ON FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS FOR COMING YEAR. WE ARE PLEASED THAT ESTIMATES SUGGEST THAT 80,000 MT OF FOOD--WHICH WE ALREADY ALLOCATED TO SAHEL THIS YEAR--WILL BE WELL UTILIZED. WE ANTICIPATE PLEDGING ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF FOOD DONATIONS TO SAHEL SOME TIME IN FEB. AFTER OUR ANALYSIS OF US FOOD AVAILABILITIES HAS BEEN COMPLETED. WITH RESPECT TO MISSION'S SUGGESTION ON PURCHASE OF LOCAL CEREALS IN SAHEL COUNTRIES, WE RECENTLY COMMUNICATED OUR VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT TO OSRO

AND LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING IN FAO/OSRO DESIGNED MULTI-DONOR SCHEME IF SUITABLE MARKETING/ PURCHASING MECHANISMS CAN BE IDENTIFIED WITHIN SHORT TIME REMAINING THIS YEAR FOR AFFECTING SUCH SCHEME.

WE WERE VERY PLEASED TO LEARN FROM YOUR LETTER THAT FAO/OSRO WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AS FOCAL POINT IN HARMONIZATION OF RELIEF OPERATION. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THERE MAY BE QUOTE LET-DOWN UNQUOTE IN DONOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN UPCOMING MONTHS DUE TO RECENT OPTIMISTIC REPORTS ON CONDITIONS IN SAHEL. OUR OWN INCLINATION IS TO PROCEED WITH PLANS ON BASIS THAT QUOTE EMERGENCY MAY NOT BE OVER...UNQUOTE-- AS SUGGESTED IN 1975 MULTI-DONOR MISSION REPORT. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT FOOD PRE-POSITIONING STRATEGIES IN SAHEL AND FEEL HOST GOVERNMENTS MAY HAVE TO LOOK TO DONORS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IF THESE STRATEGIES ARE TO BE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED. WE VIEW OSRO'S COORDINATION OF DONOR ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA AS CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT AND WILL BEND EVERY EFFORT TO

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REINFORCE OSRO'S POSITION DURING OUR DEALINGS WITH DONORS AS WELL AS SAHELIAN OFFICIALS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SAME CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH FAO/OSRO DURING THE UPCOMING YEAR THAT WE HAVE ENJOYED DURING 1974. HOPEFULLY, OUR JOINT EFFORT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVE INSTRUMENTAL IN REDUCING DEGREE OF HUMAN ANGUISH IN SAHEL ZONE OF AFRICA.

3. COPY OF ADAMS LETTER POUCHED TO SKILES. KISSINGER

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